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Notice of Exemption

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BY SABEL BECERRATo: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
PO Box 3044, 1400 Tenth St Rm 222
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044From: (Agency) Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
1007-7th St, 7th Floor☒ County Clerk
County of Yolo
625 Court Street Room B01
Woodland, CA 95695Sacramento, CA 95814
(Address)Project Title: Elkhorn Basin Ranch Acquisition (also known as Knaggs Ranch Acquisition)

Project Location – Specific: The northern Yolo Basin, between the Sacramento River (River Miles 72-76) and the Yolo Bypass east levee, north of Interstate 5.

Project Location – City: Unincorporated Project Location – County: Yolo

Description of Project: The acquisition of the 1,682-acre Elkhorn Basin Ranch (also known as the Knaggs Ranch) property by the Sacramento Valley Conservancy (SVC) and Yolo Land Trust (YLT), and the granting of easements for flood control and agricultural conservation to one of these organizations, using funds from SAFCA, California Department of Water Resources (DWR), other public entities, SVC, YLT, and private grants and loans. The project will include ongoing payment by SAFCA of Reclamation District 1600 levee maintenance fees and a portion of flood insurance fees, and the advancement of loans to Yolo County for Williamson Act payments, if desired.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: SAFCAName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: DWR, SVC, and YLT

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1): 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3): 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4): 15269(b)(c));
☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines Section 15325, Class 25, transfers of ownership in land to preserve natural conditions; the project would have effects comparable to those in examples a through d, preserving natural conditions and agricultural use, allowing restoration of natural conditions, and preventing encroachment of development into a floodplain.
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will result in the transfer of ownership in fee title and easements affecting the subject property only, and will not result in physical impacts to the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Stein Buer Area Code/Phone/Ext.: (916) 874-7606

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Stein Buer Date: May 16, 2008 Title: Executive Director☒ Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____POSTED MAY 21 2008 TO _____

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